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Prayer was then offered by Rev. Louis D. Grafton, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Austin, Texas.

# PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR.

The Speaker laid before the House and had read the following proclamation by the Governor:

I, Pat M. Neff, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the State of Texas in Article 4, Section 8, do hereby call in extraordinary session, the Legislature to convene in the city of Austin, Texas, at 9 o'clock A. M., Monday, July 18, A. D. 1921, for the following purposes, to-wit:

1. To make appropriation, within the available revenues, for the support and maintenance of the State Government and State institutions.

2. To provide additional revenue and make appropriation out of same for the better support of the public free schools of the State.

3. To enact legislation providing for the repeal of the suspended sentence law and amending the State prohibition law so as to make same more effective and easier of enforcement.

4. To provide an effective law for the removal of officers who wilfully and corruptly refuse to perform their official duties in the enforcement of the law.

5. To provide for the consolidating of overlapping departments and the abolishment of useless offices and positions, for the purpose of securing to the people of Texas a more efficient and economical administration of the Government.

6. To re-district the State into Senatorial and Representative districts as provided by the Constitution and as recommended by our party platform.

7. To consider and act upon such other matters of vital importance as may be presented by the Governor pursuant to Section 40, Article 3, of the Constitution of Texas.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially, and have caused to be impressed hereon the seal of the State, at the city of Austin, Texas, this 17th day of June, A. D. 1921.

(Signed) PAT M. NEFF,  
Governor of Texas.

By the Governor:  
S. L. STAPLES,  
Secretary of State.

The State of Texas.  
Department of State.

I, S. L. Staples, Secretary of State of the State of Texas, do hereby certify that the attached and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proclamation issued by Pat M. Neff, Governor of Texas, calling a Special Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature to convene in the city of Austin, Texas, at 9 o'clock a. m., Monday, July 18, A. D. 1921, as said proclamation now appears of record in this department.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed by name officially, and caused the seal of State to be hereon impressed, at the city of Austin, Texas, this the 18th day of July, A. D. 1921.  
(Seal) S. L. STAPLES,  
Secretary of State.

# LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leave of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Jones, Mr. Rogers of Shelby and Mr. Baker for today, on motion of Mr. Quaid.

Mr. McFarlane for today, on motion of Mr. Merriman.

Mr. Curtis for today, on motion of Mr. Mott.

Mr. Laney for today, on motion of Mr. Horton.

Mr. Pope for today, on motion of Mr. Quinn.

Mr. Stewart of Reeves for today, on motion of Mr. Fugler.

Mr. Martin for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Barker.

# PROVIDING FOR EMPLOYES OF THE HOUSE.

Mr. John E. Davis of Dallas offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House shall appoint the following employes for the First Called Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, to serve for such compensation as may hereafter be provided:

One private secretary to the Speaker at \$7.50 a day.

One stenographer for the Speaker at \$5 a day.

One porter to the Speaker at \$3 a day.

One page for the Speaker at \$2 a day.

One assistant to the Calendar Clerk at \$5 a day.

One assistant to the Journal Clerk at \$5 a day.

One warrant clerk at \$5 a day.